County of Los Angeles Wraparound Program Update

Presentation to the Children's Commission

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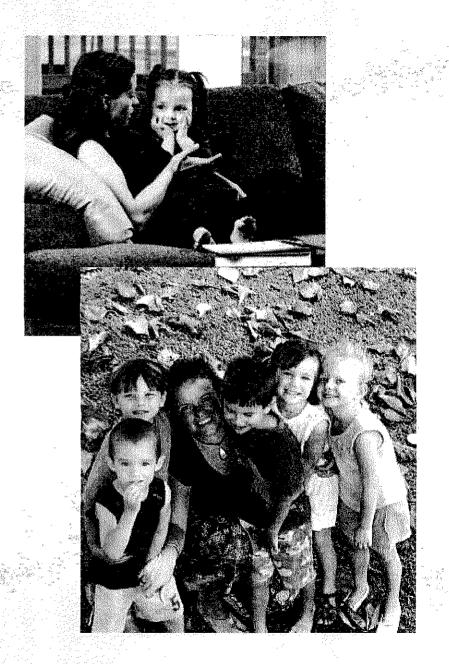


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Wraparound

Wraparound is an integrated, multi-agency, community-based process based on a philosophy of unconditional commitment to safety and responsive and competent care.

The overriding goal of Wraparound is: each child safely thriving in a permanent home with support from members of his or her wider family and members of the community.



Wraparound Funding Model

- Funded Services
 - Mental Health Services
 - Intensive Care Coordination
 - Intensive Home Based Services
 - Other Specialty Mental Health Services as Needed
 - Case Rate
 - Board and Care for Placement Costs
 - Non-Mental Health Services as Needed
 - Flex Funds
 - Indigent Services

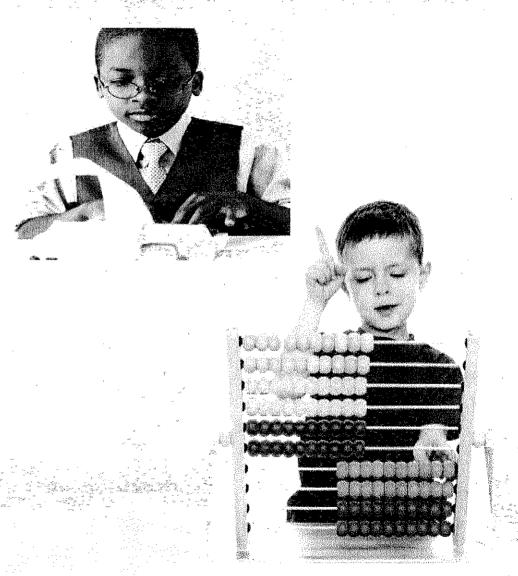
Braided Funding Sources

- Mental Health Services
 - EPSDT
 - MHSA FSP (Child)
 - MHSA FSP (TAY)
- Case Rate
 - Title IV-E Waiver



Tier Land II Funding Allocations

- Tier I
 - Case Rate
 - \$4184/Slot/Month
 - EPSDT
 - \$1250/Slot/Month
- Tier II
 - Case Rate
 - \$1250/Slot/Month
 - EPSDT/MHSA
 - \$1250/Slot/Month



WRAPAROUND TIER I AND TIER II Eligibility

TIER I

CRITERIA:

- •Youth has an urgent and/or intensive mental health need which causes impairment at school, home and/or in the community.
- •EPSDT (full scope) <u>MediCal not</u> required
- Youth must be adjudicated as a dependent of the Juvenile Court pursuant to either

WIC 300, 601, or 602;

- Must be with/have an identified caregiver.
- •Youth must be placed in RCL 10 or above group home and w/in 60 days of transitioning to community.

 -OR-

Youth must be at imminent risk of placement into an RCL 10 or above group home within the next 30 days.

TIER II

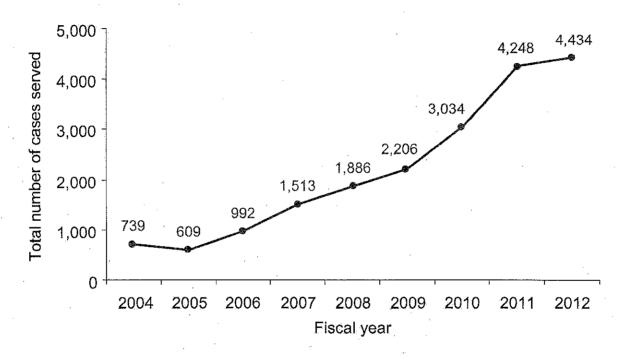
CRITERIA:

Youth has an urgent and/or intensive mental health need which causes impairment at school, home and/or in the community.

EPSDT (full scope or no shared cost) MediCal is required Youth must have an open case with DCFS (either Voluntary or Court).

Youth must be with an identified caregiver.

Total Number of Cases Served



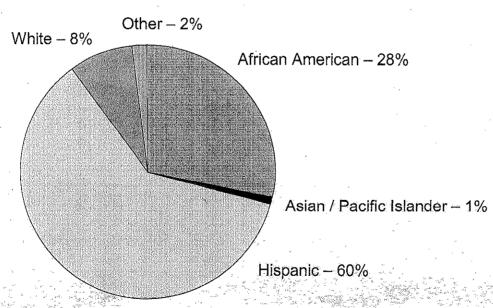
Average number of active enrollments in FY 2012 = 2,140 children (945 children in Tier I and 1,195 children in Tier II)

These data are not available for previous years.

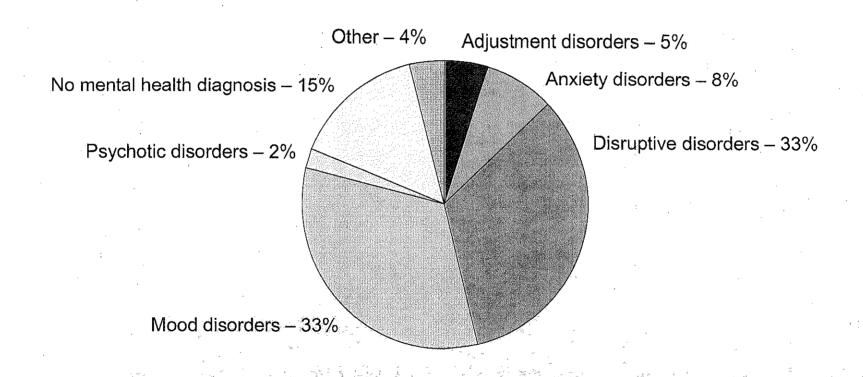
Children Served by Wraparound in 2012

- 54% male, 46% female.
- Average age at enrollment: -15 years old.

Ethnicity

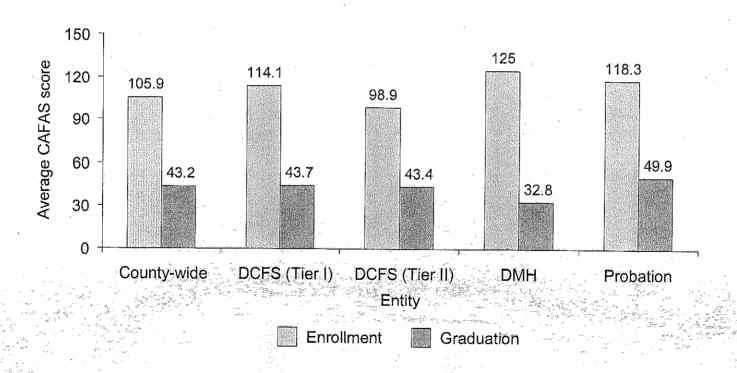


Primary Mental Health Diagnosis, FY 2012



2012 Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS)

Assessment of child's degree of functional impairment (emotional, behavioral, psychiatric).



Outcomes Recidivism

- 95% of children had no substantiated referrals while enrolled in Wraparound.
- 98% of children had no substantiated referrals six months after graduating from Wraparound.



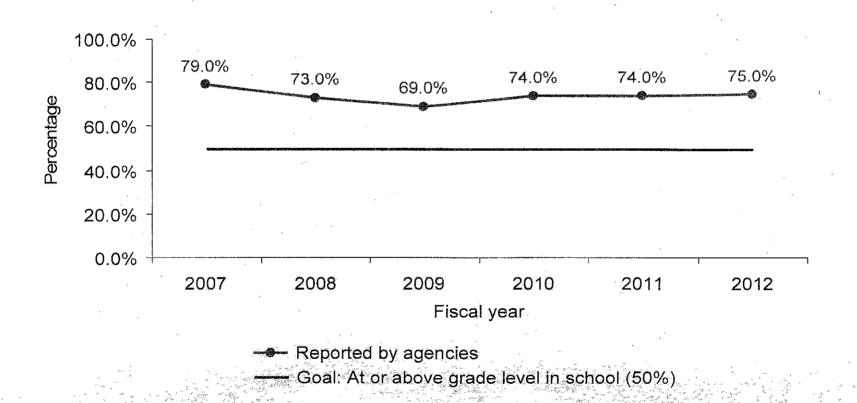
Outcomes Placement

- 77% of children placed with their families during Wraparound
- 87% of children resided with their families upon graduation
- 87% of children remained with their families six months after graduation
- 61.9% of Wraparound cases closed within 12 months of graduation
- 80% of children received Community Based Services during Wraparound
- Decrease in group home and out of home placements post graduation



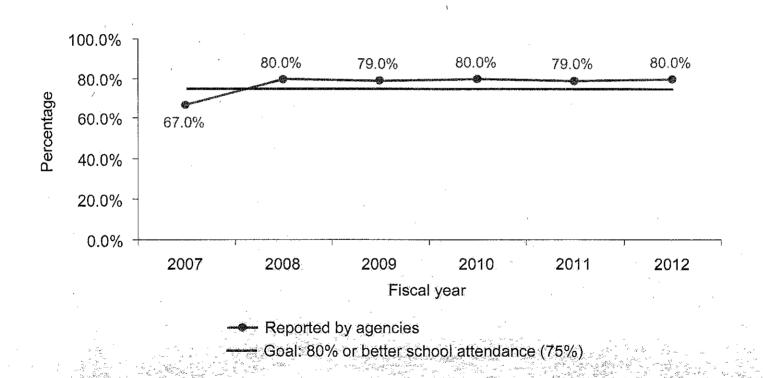
Outcome Well-Being

Education: At or above Grade Level



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Education: 80% or Better School Attendance



Success Stories-Oscar

When Oscar enrolled in Wraparound, he was on probation for gang involvement and possession of a concealed weapon. He had a history of fighting and other angry outbursts, and was uncommunicative with both his mother and his girlfriend, the mother of his two-year-old son.

Although the love that Oscar and his family had for one another was palpable from the very beginning, they struggled to get along. Oscar's mother did not approve of his girlfriend, and believed the young woman was the cause of his poor behavior. Oscar also had a rocky relationship with his girlfriend due to his jealousy and difficulty controlling his anger. These problems intensified as the Wraparound team brought long-ignored problems and frustrations out in the open to be dealt with for the first time. Oscar was arrested for domestic violence at his lowest point in this process.

The Wraparound team worked to find housing and support for Oscar after his release. With the help of the team, he moved out of his mother's home and obtained an independent placement that included his girlfriend and child. Oscar's girlfriend began to actively participate in the Wraparound process, and each family member worked to repair their fractured relationships.

Oscar and his girlfriend now regularly attend church. They have become very involved in church activities, and have successfully built a strong base of support. With the help and encouragement of the Wraparound team, they recently began to attend couples counseling. Oscar and his mother have opened up communication with one another, and are rebuilding their relationship.

Oscar stopped all gang involvement and completed the terms of his probation. He has a job and supports his family in their own home.

Success Story - Christine

Christine was referred to Wraparound by her DCFS social worker. Christine was removed from her adoptive mother (her grandmother) and placed in foster care due to physical abuse, sexual abuse and general neglect.

The Wraparound team immediately learned about Christine's and her foster family's many strengths. The team worked with the family to improve their communication and assist Christine in meeting her educational needs and goals. The Wraparound process was initially met with some resistance from the foster parent as there were concerns about Christine's behavior at school and in the home. Christine, however, continued to reach out to Wraparound staff.

A family friend, Anne, who was active in Christine's life, was on her Wraparound team. Anne would often take Christine for the weekends to provide her foster mother with respite. When it was decided that Christine's foster home was not a good fit, Anne agreed to take Christine into her home while continuing with Wraparound services.

Anne worked to communicate with Christine, always being sensitive and empathic to her history of trauma and abandonment. She advocated for Christine in school and made sure she was accessing her education as successfully as possible. The Wraparound team worked with Anne to assist her in navigating the system since she had not been a foster mother or had previous contact with DCFS. The team also assisted Christine in obtaining extensive orthodontic work that was needed for some time.

The Wraparound team identified the strengths of the family, holding those strengths to be the guiding force that would help the family to reach their goals, and provided resources and information to help the family along in their journey, while continuing to praise and cheer them on along the way. Christine reported she was able to relax and feel safe with Anne, feelings she had experienced rarely during her life.

At the time of graduation from Wraparound, Anne had completed most of the adoption process and was waiting for one last court date to confirm her adoption of Christine. Christine is attending school regularly and working hard to improve her grades. Anne's parents have also been crucial supports for Christine and have created a savings account to pay for Christine's college tuition.

Wraparound Program Redesign

Vision: make Wraparound more efficient while improving the

outcomes for children and their families.

Goals for the New Contract

- Focus on best practices and lessons learned
- 2. Inclusion of core practice model and expectations for teaming
- 3. ICC / IHBS services
- 4. Streamlined documentation
 - a. Family-friendly plan of care
 - b. New supervisory tool for POC reviews
 - c. Mental health status report



Status of the Contract Process

Response to public comment: June 30, 2013

RFSQ released: August 15, 2013

Proposals due: November 15, 2013

Contract starts: November 1, 2014



